

APPEAL NO. 021616  
FILED AUGUST 5, 2002

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on May 22, 2002. The hearing officer resolved the sole disputed issue by deciding that the appellant's (claimant) compensable injury sustained on \_\_\_\_\_, did not extend to and include impingement of the right shoulder and a left knee meniscal tear. The claimant appealed the hearing officer's determination only as to the right shoulder impingement, urging reversal. The respondent (self-insured) replied, contending that the hearing officer's determination was sufficiently supported by the record and, thus, should be affirmed.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in determining that the claimant's compensable injury of \_\_\_\_\_, did not extend to and include impingement of the right shoulder and a left knee meniscal tear. The parties argued different and conflicting interpretations of the medical evidence. The claimant argued that her shoulder and knee injuries were connected to her compensable, bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome.

The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility to be given the evidence. Section 410.165(a). We conclude that the hearing officer's extent-of-injury determination is supported by the evidence. The hearing officer's determination is not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986); Texas Workers' Compensation Commission Appeal No. 001360, decided July 27, 2000.

The hearing officer's decision and order are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **a self-insured governmental entity** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**SELF-INSURED  
ADDRESS 1  
CITY, TEXAS ZIP.**

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Gary L. Kilgore  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Thomas A. Knapp  
Appeals Judge

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Michael B. McShane  
Appeals Judge